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Title: **METHODS OF OBTAINING AND USING
MANUFACTURER COMPUTER HARDWARE
CONFIGURATION DATA (as amended)**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 8, 2004

In response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following arguments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.